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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to agency inspectors general; amending
3 s. 20.055, F.S.; prohibiting an agency from offering a
4 bonus on work performance in an inspector general
5 contract or agreement; amending s. 420.506, F.S.;
6 prohibiting the Florida Housing Finance Corporation
7 from offering a bonus on work performance in an
8 inspector general contract or agreement; providing an
9 effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section
14 20.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 20.055 Agency inspectors general.—

16 (3) (a) 1. For state agencies under the jurisdiction of the
17 Cabinet or the Governor and Cabinet, the inspector general shall
18 be appointed by the agency head. For state agencies under the
19 jurisdiction of the Governor, the inspector general shall be
20 appointed by the Chief Inspector General. The agency head or
21 Chief Inspector General shall notify the Governor in writing of
22 his or her intention to hire the inspector general at least 7
23 days before an offer of employment. The inspector general shall
24 be appointed without regard to political affiliation.

25 2. Within 60 days after a vacancy or anticipated vacancy in
26 the position of inspector general, the agency head or, for
27 agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor, the Chief
28 Inspector General, shall initiate a national search for an
29 inspector general and shall set the salary of the inspector

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30 general. Effective July 1, 2017, an agency that enters into an
31 employment agreement, or renewal or renegotiation of an existing
32 contract or employment agreement, with an inspector general or
33 deputy inspector may not offer a bonus on work performance in
34 the contract or agreement, and the awarding of such bonuses is
35 prohibited. In the event of a vacancy in the position of
36 inspector general, the agency head or, for agencies under the
37 jurisdiction of the Governor, the Chief Inspector General, may
38 appoint other office of inspector general management personnel
39 as interim inspector general until such time as a successor
40 inspector general is appointed.

41 3. A former or current elected official may not be
42 appointed inspector general within 5 years after the end of such
43 individual's period of service. This restriction does not
44 prohibit the reappointment of a current inspector general.

45 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 420.506, Florida
46 Statutes, is amended to read:

47 420.506 Executive director; agents and employees; inspector
48 general.—

49 (2) (a) The appointment and removal of an inspector general
50 shall be by the executive director, with the advice and consent
51 of the corporation's board of directors. The corporation's
52 inspector general shall perform for the corporation the
53 functions set forth in s. 20.055. The inspector general shall
54 administratively report to the executive director. The inspector
55 general shall meet the minimum qualifications as set forth in s.
56 20.055(4). The corporation may establish additional
57 qualifications deemed necessary by the board of directors to
58 meet the unique needs of the corporation. The inspector general

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59 shall be responsible for coordinating the responsibilities set
60 forth in s. 420.0006.

61 (b) Effective July 1, 2017, if the corporation enters into
62 an employment agreement, or renewal or renegotiation of an
63 existing contract or employment agreement, with an inspector
64 general or deputy inspector, the corporation may not offer a
65 bonus on work performance in the contract or agreement, and the
66 awarding of such bonuses is prohibited.

67 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.